

## Presidents Message



Plans for the 2011 AWLE training conference that will be held in Halifax, Nova Scotia, are well underway. H Division (Nova Scotia) RCMP and Halifax Regional Police will be co-hosting the conference, from October 18-21, 2011, at the Atlantica Hotel. Co chairs of the conference are Sgt. Erica Pynn of the RCMP ([erica.pynn@rcmp-grc.gc.ca](mailto:erica.pynn@rcmp-grc.gc.ca)) and D/Cst. Carolyn Nichols of Halifax Regional Police ([nicholc@halifax.ca](mailto:nicholc@halifax.ca)). The theme of the conference is “Courage to Take the Lead” and will highlight women in leadership, international policing, undercover operations, criminal profiling, fitness, and a homicide case study. Registration forms are now posted on the website and more information will be coming in the near future, so check back for updates.

At the upcoming Halifax conference there will be elections for the four positions of President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary. More information regarding these positions will be forthcoming. If you're interested in running for an executive position, please let me know. If you are a voting member and are not able to attend the conference you can give your proxy to another member to vote for you but it must be in writing and signed.

At the conference we will again be presenting awards to women in law enforcement (and in some cases their male coworkers) at the awards banquet. Award nomination forms are found on the website. Awards will be presented in the categories of Officer of the Year, Community Service, Excellence in Performance, Leadership, Medal of Valour, Mentoring, and a Team Endeavour Award, which is issued to a female (and if applicable her male coworker(s)) involved in a team effort. If you know of a deserving female law enforcement officer, nominate her for an award by September 1. Recipients will be nominated for International Association of Women Police (IAWP) awards.

Plans are progressing to host the 2012 International Association of Women Police conference in St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador. Conference co-chairs Sgt. Suzanne Bill of the Royal Newfoundland Constabulary and Cpl. Colleen Fox of the RCMP are working with their committee to host a first rate and memorable conference. The Delta Conference Centre and surrounding hotels have been secured for the conference, which will be held September 9-15, 2012. This will be the anniversary of the 50<sup>th</sup> IAWP training conference and the 20<sup>th</sup> AWLE training conference. Information on the conference can be found at [www.iawp2012.org](http://www.iawp2012.org). At the upcoming IAWP conference in Lexington, Kentucky, the IAWP 2012 Committee will host an

information booth to promote the conference and the AWLE and a hospitality evening of a “Swally, Scoff, and Scuff”. If you can provide assistance to the conference committee or information on guest speakers or fundraising and sponsorship, please contact Sue ([sueb@rnc.gov.nl.ca](mailto:sueb@rnc.gov.nl.ca)) or Colleen ([colleen.fox@rcmp-grc.gc.ca](mailto:colleen.fox@rcmp-grc.gc.ca)).

The executive would like your input with regards to next year’s conference and awards banquet. We would like your thoughts on whether or not you would support a full conference or just an awards banquet. With the International Association of Women Police conference being held in St. John’s next fall the logistics of hosting a second conference in the Atlantic Region would be difficult, although not insurmountable. We are considering the option of either hosting a full three day conference or an awards banquet (luncheon or evening event) but we want you to give your opinion. A location and committee for either event would be determined. You may even have another suggestion as to how we can recognize the accomplishments of deserving women in law enforcement. The executive acts on your behalf, so tell us what you would like to see.

Have a safe and happy summer! I hope to see you at the conference in the fall!

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